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Attached in connection with the above-captioned patent application are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement including Listing of Claims (8 pages)

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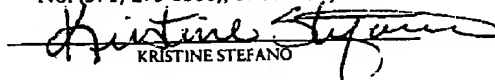
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2006, in which all pending claims 1-14 were subject to restriction. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to three distinct inventions: Group I, claims 1-9, Group II, claims 10-12 and Group III, claims 13 and 14. It was asserted that Groups I and II were related to Group III as a process and apparatus for its practice. It was further asserted that Groups I and II were related as a combination and subcombination.

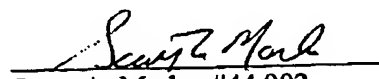
By this response, Applicant elects to prosecute Group 1, claims 1-9, without traverse.

Examination of the application is requested. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should an extension of time, or any fee, be required, the applicant requests that this action be undertaken and our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 be charged for the fee.

Respectfully Submitted,

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